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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/06/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/29/07
Broiler/fryer	171,787	175,410
Light hens	1,107	1,115
Heavy hens	1,539	1,546

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	290	0	290
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	303	0	303
Same week yr ago	185	4	189
To-date/2007	10,117	26	10,143
To-date/2006	6,149	30	6,179

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,340	1,546	2,886
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,405	1,548	2,953
Same week yr ago	1,358	1,505	2,863
To-date/2007	53,067	56,667	109,734
To-date/2006	48,940	57,704	106,644

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596
Avg Wt	5.43	3.50	8.04	6.20
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650
Same wk yr ago	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08
To-date/2007	6,286,637	42,950	56,641	99,591
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.0 million head, or 7.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	45,905	85,073	28,064	14,807	173,849
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.35	6.095	8.09	5.43
% of total /1	26%	49%	16%	9%	100%
Last week	36,676	89,522	31,019	13,160	170,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.37	7.06	8.24	5.58
% of total /1	22%	52%	18%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,316	84,262	19,133	17,037	164,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.97	8.14	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	12%	10%	100%
To date/2007	1,684,621	3,158,739	1,016,779	426,498	6,286,637
To date/2006	1,812,643	3,109,020	883,168	492,390	6,297,221

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,014	2,864	19	0	4,897
Avg Wt	16.34	37.01	24.27	0.00	28.46
Head sltr comparisons ⁸²					
Last week	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Same wk yr ago	2,055	2,886	52	1	4,994
Avg Wt	16.62	36.80	24.24	52.46	28.37
To-date/2007	76,745	101,718	895	202	179,560
To-date/2006	74,982	99,514	960	179	175,635

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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